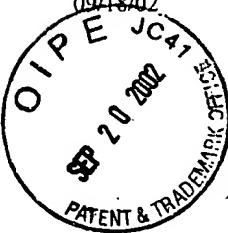


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 18, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. A response to the Office Action is due on September 18, 2002 with a three (3)-month extension of time. Applicants submit concurrently a petition for extension of time for three (3) months, to and including September 18, 2002, accompanied by the required fee.

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